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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW 8204 Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Policy and Rules Concerr...rg the Interstate, Interexchange Marketplace; Implementation of Section 254(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended; CC Docket No. 96-61

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Touch America, Inc. ("TA"), its attorneys hereby submit TA's 2003 Certification of Compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's geographic rate averaging and rate integration requirements pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 64.1900.

If you have questions concerning this filing, please contact the undersigned.

An extra copy of this filing is enclosed, please date stamp and return.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan S. Marashlian

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Enclosure

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Touch America, Inc. 130 N. Main Street Butte, Montana 59701

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

I, Michael J. Meldahl, hereby certify that I am the President of Touch America,

Inc. ("Touch America"), and that I am authorized to execute this certification on

behalf of Touch America.

Furthermore, I hereby swear under oath that, to the best of my knowledge,

information and belief, Touch America complies with the geographic rate averaging

and rate integration obligations pursuant to Section 254 (g) of the Communications

Act of 1934, as amended, in providing detariffed interstate, domestic, interexchange

services.

Michael J. Meldahl

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of Low, 2003.

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My Commission Expires: 9-15-3003

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